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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - DECEMBER 21

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR DECEMBER 21,
1976:

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN DECLARA-
TION?

A. NO, I DO NOT HAVE ANY COMMENT AT THIS TIME. I WILL TRY
TO POST SOMETHING. IT HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED IN THE BUILD-
ING.

Q. DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY IDEA WHETHER MR. RABIN'S
RESIGNATION WILL HELP, HINDER, OR OTHERWISE AFFECT THE
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COURSE OF THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS?

A. I WAS ASKED THAT QUESTION YESTERDAY, SCOTT.

Q. YESTERDAY, YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT THE DROPPING OF THE
RELIGIOUS PARTY. TODAY, IT IS A RESIGNATION.

A. ANYWAY, NO, I DO NOT THINK SO.

Q. YOU DON'T THINK SO WHAT?

A. IT WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT.

Q. YOU DON'T THINK IT WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT.

A. NO.

Q. EVEN IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

A. NO. WE DO NOT THINK IT WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN
DECLARATION?

A. WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESS REPORTS, BUT THIS IS
BASICALLY A MATTER FOR THE EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS AND NOT
FOR US TO COMMENT ON.
ROBINSON

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